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Re: Installation of 230 Kv lines along Olive Avenue west of Route 303 in Waddell
Arizona

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the proud daughter of Warren M.(Bud) Guard, who lives on the corner of Cotton Lane and Olive Avenue. It my understanding that Arizona Public Service (APS) is considering installing monster utility poles along Olive Avenue adjacent to my father's property (part of the Nw/4 of the Nw/4 Sec 36 3N 2W). This has come as a complete surprise to the entire Guard family since Bud Guard never received public notice of this installation.

The route that you intend to use will destroy the magic of a ranch that has been in our family for over half a century. The ranch is perhaps simply 'a piece of property' to APS. To the Guard family and hundreds of friends, the property on Olive Avenue and Cotton Lane, referred to as The Guard Ranch, is considered to be a magical paradise. The citrus grove has become a wildlife sanctuary to thousands of birds and many other forms of wildlife. We have hummingbirds, doves, cardinals, roadrunners, red-winged blackbirds, blue jays and sparrows just to mention a few of the variety of birds. Over the years, fox, coyotes, squirrels, peacocks, havelina, rabbits, snakes, and many other animals have made the citrus grove their home.

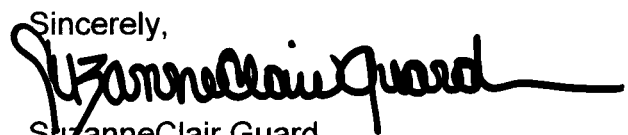
The poles you propose to install are not only a visual abomination, they are a hazard to the health of those who live near them. In the age of environmental awareness, why not bury the lines before a city is a reality? It would be far easier to bury the lines now before the community has been developed. Realizing that you probably have no intention of assuming the extra cost of burying the lines, I would like to propose that you run your lines straight down Perryville ending at the substation on Peoria Avenue. This is a straight shot. Threading the poles down Indian School, across 303 and back up Olive seems an enormous waste of materials and an increased environmental blight.

It seems that you have decided that the new development around Perryville is more valuable than the land of an established resident who has lived in Waddell for over

50 years. Bud Guard has not just lived in Waddell. Many years ago, he and my mother established the ranch as an active center for political fund raising, hosting events for John Rhodes and Barry Goldwater, a dear friend of my father's. During the last year of his life, Barry made a trip out to the ranch to spend the afternoon with my dad. They reminisced about all the events, parties, and fundraisers that took place on the ranch.

I am living and working in New York City and I go home every opportunity I can. It is my Tara, my homeland and my sanctuary. It is where I was born, where I still spend every Christmas holiday, and where my spirit soars. It is a cherished, magical place for the Guard family and all of our friends who take their vacations on the ranch. The house is full to the brim with family and friends on all major holidays and joy presides.

I am asking you to consider preserving The Guard Ranch, which has been on the corner of Cotton Lane and Olive before Perryville Road even existed.

Sincerely,


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I thought you might enjoy this beautiful photograph of Bud Guard's granddaughter. She is on her grandfather's horse posing under our historic tamarack tree. The event was another Guard celebration on the corner of Cotton Lane and Olive Avenue.

